

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	
Neil A. A. Simpson et a.	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3672
Serial No.: 10/614,427	§	
	§	Examiner: William P. Neuder
Confirmation No.: 7722	§	
	§	Customer No. 36735
Filed: July 7, 2003	§	
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For: FORMED TUBULARS	§	

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) IN RESPONSE TO FINAL  
OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 31, 2007**

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 31, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 30, 2007, Applicants herewith request continued examination. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0091/WBP \$790 for an RCE and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.